Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 920-07352-2603-057	Date: 06/01/20
Time: 0018	
Location: [redacted] Avenue R-7	City or Station: Palmdale
Bureau/Station/Facility: North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO
Type of Force: Control Holds, Personal Weapons (Punches), Impact Weapons (Flashlight)	
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO; Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO
☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☒ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO; Person Notified: Lieutenant Chris Mouat; Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Deputy

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	W	509	150	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 726D
Individual Force Used: Impact Weapons (Flashlight) — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ◉2 ○3
☒ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:
Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Felix-Cruz	Victor	M	Deputy

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	W	509	155	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 726D
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons (Punch & Knee) — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3
☒ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:
Coroner Case #

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Deputy

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	W	511	170	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 726F
Individual Force Used: Control Hold — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ◉2 ○3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:
Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor ☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sgt	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Chang	Francois	H	Sgt	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Puebla	Victor		Sgt

VP 4/12/21
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: Date

Copy Provided to Employee by: [redacted] Emp #:

DERYL T. WALKER II
Unit Commander **(Print Name)**

Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #:

04/20/21
Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO#

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Horsley	Christopher	M	Deputy

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
(●) M ( ) F	W	603	210	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Palmdale Station	726F

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
Personal Weapons (Punch)	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 ( ) 2 (●) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________ Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
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Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

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Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
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☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________ Coroner Case #

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Debinion	Michael	John	Not Armed

AKA Last Name: "Youngster" | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
(●) Male ○ Female	H	31	507	140	11/29/88	None Given	

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5945668 | Primary Charge Code: 245(c) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 2800.0 CVC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ○ NO | Name: Captain Elliot | Unit: 131 | Phone #: 661-947-8700

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: PRMC | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Ali Vakili | Address: 38600 Medical Center Drive, Palmdale | Phone #: 661-382-5000

Under Influence: (●) YES ○ NO | Substance: Alcohol | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 06/01/20 | Time: 0802 | ☐ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Garcia	Jose	A.

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	Status
Palmdale Station	264T1	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Halaszynski	Thomas	A.

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	Status
Palmdale Station	726F	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Bistline	Matthew	K.

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	Status
Palmdale Station	265H	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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☐ **Additional Witness**

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	De La Rosa	Andrew	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	265H	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Blue	Jonathan	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	263E	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Vukonich	Cale	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	263E	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Runge	Blake	L.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	726H	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Velazquez	Enrique	G.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	726H	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Zamora	George	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	260S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
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☐ Additional Witness

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted].

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	[redacted]	[redacted] EM [redacted] Day [redacted] PM	[redacted] Regular [redacted] OT [redacted] Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Debinion	S#1	[redacted]	E#1	HR	NN	NN
Debinion	S#1	[redacted]	E#1	PK	NN	AD
[redacted]	E#1	Debinion	S#1	FL	CP	LE
Felix	E#2	Debinion	S#1	PH	FR	FA
Felix	E#2	Debinion	S#1	PO	CP	BK
[redacted]	E#3	Debinion	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Horsley	E#4	Debinion	S#1	PH	FR	FA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Force, Orbital Fracture**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO2510383**
URN#:	**020-07352-2603-057**
DATE/TIME:	**June 1, 2020, 0005 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Avenue R-7, Palmdale**

On Monday, June 1, 2020, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators Sergeants Francois Chang, Amore Smith, #[redacted], and Lieutenant Chris Mouat, #[redacted], responded to Palmdale Station to investigate a Category 3 force incident documented by Palmdale Station personnel [**Exhibit A, Incident and Supplemental Reports**]. In this incident, Deputies [redacted], Victor Felix, [redacted], and Christopher Horsley used force against Suspect Michael Debinion. Suspect Debinion was subsequently transported by deputies to the hospital, and he was diagnosed with an orbital fracture [**Exhibit B, Palmdale Regional Medical Center (PRMC) paperwork**].

SYNOPSIS

Traffic Stop, Vehicle Pursuit, and Arrest:

On Monday, June 1, 2020, at approximately 0005 hours, Deputies [redacted] and Felix were on patrol together in the parking lot of the [redacted] located at [redacted] 25th Street East, Palmdale. Deputies [redacted] and Felix were in a marked patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] was the driver. Deputies [redacted] and Felix saw a suspicious vehicle (suspect vehicle) parked in the roadway with its lights off, blocking a garage door [**Exhibit C, Traffic Stop Area**]. Deputies [redacted] and Felix saw the silhouettes of two occupants within the vehicle pointing at unoccupied vehicles in the area. Deputies [redacted] and Felix ran the license plate and discovered the suspect vehicle was expired, returning to an address in the city of Lancaster.

> **IAB Note:** Department records indicate Deputies [redacted] and Felix did a computer inquiry of the suspect vehicle license plate at 0018 hours (**Miscellaneous Documents, Unit History Report**).

Additionally, the suspect vehicle's occupants were possibly in violation of a Los Angeles County curfew ordinance (2.68.150 LACC) in place due to the civil unrest and looting at the time.

Deputies [redacted] and Felix conducted a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle to investigate the occupants' purpose for being out past curfew and to notify the driver of the expired registration. Deputies [redacted] and Felix activated their patrol vehicle's forward facing red and takedown lights as they positioned their patrol vehicle behind the suspect vehicle. Deputies [redacted] and Felix simultaneously exited their patrol vehicle and approached the driver and passenger sides of the suspect vehicle, respectively. Deputy [redacted] spoke to the driver (Suspect Michael Debinion) through the open driver side window and could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from within it. Deputy [redacted] asked Suspect Debinion for his driver's license. Suspect Debinion looked at Deputy [redacted] with a blank stare and slurred incoherent words. Deputy [redacted] smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Suspect Debinion's breath and saw he had bloodshot, watery eyes. Meanwhile, Deputy Felix stood on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle and knocked on the closed, front, passenger window in an attempt to speak to the passenger ([redacted]).

Suspect Debinion reached between the center console and front seat, near the gear shift. Deputy [redacted] realized the suspect vehicle was in drive and told Suspect Debinion to place the vehicle in park. Suddenly, Suspect Debinion accelerated his vehicle forward and veered to his left, toward the exit of the apartment complex. Consequently, Deputy [redacted]'s left arm was struck by the suspect vehicle driver's side view mirror and Deputy Felix's right hand was struck by its passenger side B pillar (**Miscellaneous Documents, Diagram of a Vehicle's Structural Components**).

Deputy [redacted] immediately ran from the trajectory of the suspect vehicle to avoid further injury. Deputies [redacted] and Felix ran back to their patrol vehicle and discovered they were both struck by a portion of the suspect vehicle as it sped away. Deputies [redacted] and Felix went in vehicle pursuit of Suspect Debinion. Deputy Felix immediately broadcasted emergency radio traffic advising they were in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect, whereby a vehicle was used as the weapon. Deputy Felix radio broadcasted their unit identifier, location, direction of travel, and description of the suspect vehicle, including the license plate, while providing constant updates during the vehicle pursuit.

> **IAB Note:** In-service and Deputy Daily Worksheet (DDWS) records showed Deputies [redacted] and Felix were unit 726D, not 263B as radio broadcasted during the vehicle pursuit (**Miscellaneous Documents, DDWS**). Additionally, the path of vehicle pursuit indicated the initial direction of travel was north on 25th Street East, not south as transmitted.

Multiple deputy personnel, a supervisor, along with Air 29 (helicopter), acknowledged the vehicle pursuit and were en route to the area. Air 29 radio broadcasted they were 11 minutes away from the city of Santa Clarita. Lieutenant Jeffrey Rhea, #[redacted],

immediately established "cold line" communications with Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) and maintained command and control of the Palmdale vehicle pursuit.

> **IAB Note:** There is a direct voice channel, "Hot Line" between a station and the Sheriff's Department dispatcher assigned to monitor that station. An alternate voice line that can be used as a backup to the Hot Line is an automatic ring circuit "Cold Line" (telephone line).

The suspect vehicle travelled north on 25th Street East and turned east onto Avenue S at approximately 60 mph. As the suspect vehicle turned east on Avenue S at a "high rate of speed," it crossed over two lanes of traffic, almost colliding with the center divider. The suspect vehicle turned north on 30th Street East at approximately 65 mph, west on Short Street, almost hitting a curb, and north on 29th Place East, where it slowed to approximately 40 mph. The suspect vehicle travelled west on Avenue R-12, north on 29th Street East, east on Avenue R-8, increased its speed, and ran a red light at 30th Street East, causing it to "bottom out" on the asphalt of the intersection, resulting in sparks seen from its undercarriage.

Deputy [redacted] slowed their patrol vehicle and "safely cleared" lane by lane, before entering the intersection. Deputies [redacted] and Felix attempted to radio broadcast updates of the suspect vehicle's speed and traffic violations, but there was radio interference from multiple units trying to transmit at the same time. The suspect vehicle turned north on Lemsford Avenue at a "high rate of speed," narrowly colliding with several parked vehicles, before slowing to approximately 5 mph. Suspect Debinion "jumped" out of his moving vehicle, ending the vehicle pursuit.

> **IAB Note:** The vehicle pursuit lasted approximately 2 minutes, 37 seconds, and covered a distance of 1.56 miles. IAB investigators travelled the route of the vehicle pursuit and verified the posted speed limits on the major streets was 50 mph. The prima facie speed limit for residential neighborhoods in the state of California was 25 mph (**Miscellaneous Documents, Palmdale Vehicles and Traffic Code**).

Suspect Debinion ran west on East Avenue R-7. The suspect vehicle continued to travel north on Lemsford Avenue at approximately 5 mph. Deputies [redacted] and Felix followed Suspect Debinion in their patrol vehicle and drove past him to block his path of travel. Deputy [redacted] yelled commands for Suspect Debinion to stop and lie on the ground. Suspect Debinion initially complied and lied face down on the ground. Deputies [redacted] and Felix immediately exited their patrol vehicle and ran to Suspect Debinion to arrest him.

As Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Debinion's hands, he immediately tensed his arms and placed his hands underneath his body. Deputy [redacted] commanded Suspect Debinion to show his hands, but he refused to comply and reached toward his waistband while "violently thrashing his body." Deputies [redacted] and Felix feared Suspect Debinion was reaching for a weapon in his waistband. Deputy [redacted] struck

Suspect Debinion four to five times on his left thigh and knee with his flashlight. Suspect Debinion refused to show his hands and kicked his legs violently, in a manner that could have caused injury to deputies. Deputy Felix punched Suspect Debinion two to three times in his face.

Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were the second patrol vehicle to immediately arrive at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit. Deputy [redacted] ran to assist Deputies [redacted] and Felix in detaining Suspect Debinion. Deputy [redacted] tried to get control of Suspect Debinion's hands, ultimately placing Suspect Debinion's left arm in a control hold. Meanwhile, Deputy Garcia ran toward the suspect vehicle to detain any potential remaining suspects.

Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were in the third vehicle to arrive at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit. Upon their arrival, they attempted to detain the occupants of the suspect vehicle.

Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski were in the fourth vehicle to arrive at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit. Deputy Horsley ran to assist Deputies [redacted] Felix, and [redacted] in detaining Suspect Debinion. Deputy Horsley tried to control Suspect Debinion's right arm by pulling it away from his waistband, but Suspect Debinion resisted. Deputy Horsley punched Suspect Debinion in the face two to three times. The punches appeared to be effective and Suspect Debinion removed his hand from beneath his body, away from his waistband. Meanwhile, Deputy Halaszynski ran toward the suspect vehicle to detain the occupants.

Suspect Debinion surrendered and allowed Deputies [redacted] and Felix to handcuff his left and right wrists respectively. Deputy Blake Runge arrived, after the use of force, and placed a hobble on Suspect Debinion's legs, without resistance, as a preventative measure in case he began kicking or tried to flee.

> **IAB Note:** Recorded video surveillance [**Exhibit D, Surveillance Videos**], coupled with recorded radio traffic [**Exhibit E, Radio Traffic – Fight**] indicated the use of force lasted approximately 37 seconds.

Suspect Vehicle Detention:

Deputy Garcia was the first deputy attempting to detain the occupant of the suspect vehicle from the driver's side. Deputy Garcia heard a female passenger yelling incoherently. As Deputy Garcia detained the occupants in the suspect vehicle at gunpoint, he saw [redacted] kneeling on the front passenger seat, possibly trying to stop the vehicle. Deputy Garcia yelled commands for [redacted] to put her hands up.

Within seconds, Deputies Bistline, De La Rosa, and Halaszynski arrived and assisted Deputy Garcia in detaining the occupants inside the suspect vehicle. Deputy Bistline approached on the driver side as Deputies De La Rosa and Halaszynski approached on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle respectively.

Deputy Halaszynski detained the occupants inside the suspect vehicle at gun point as Deputy De La Rosa contacted [redacted]. Once Deputy Bistline determined it was safe, he entered the driver side of the suspect vehicle and put it in park. Deputy De La Rosa immediately detained [redacted] and handcuffed her. Once [redacted] was detained, Deputies Garcia and Halaszynski focused their attention on numerous deputies, southwest of their location, arresting Suspect Debinion.

Deputies [redacted] and Felix's investigation revealed Suspect Debinion had been drinking beer throughout the day and was on probation for assault (**Miscellaneous Documents, Unit History Report**). Suspect Debinion told Deputies [redacted] and Felix he ran because he did not want to go to jail.

Suspect Debinion was medically treated in the field for complaint of pain and injury by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel under the command of Captain Elliot. Suspect Debinion was subsequently transported to PRMC by Deputies Joshua Manetti, #[redacted], and Kaitlyn Huston, #[redacted], who were uninvolved in the use of force. Suspect Debinion was medically evaluated at PRMC, diagnosed with an orbital fracture, and given medical clearance for booking by Dr. Ali Vakili.

All involved deputies, who used and witnessed force, immediately reported and ultimately documented such to the handling field supervisor, Sergeant [redacted] (Witness [redacted]). Sergeant [redacted] confirmed with PRMC medical staff that the injuries suffered by Suspect Debinion were consistent with the reported use of force.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	12/03/2015
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station	01/27/2019
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	([redacted])

Equipment Worn on Person

Class "A" uniform (long Sleeve), magazines, radio, handcuffs, expandable baton, keys, Taser, radio, handcuffs, Smith & Wesson Military Police handgun 2.0, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, and an SL20 metal flashlight.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Victor Felix-Cruz, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	03/10/2016
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station	03/31/2019
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	([redacted])

Equipment Worn on Person

Class "A" uniform (long Sleeve), magazines, tourniquet, expandable baton, radio, handcuffs, Smith & Wesson Military Police handgun 1.0, keys, Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	03/10/2016
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station	05/19/2019
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	([redacted])

Equipment Worn on Person

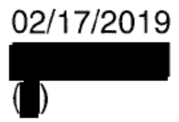
Class "B" uniform (long Sleeve), magazines, radio, handcuffs, tourniquet, Smith & Wesson Military Police handgun 9mm, keys, Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Christopher Horsley, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	02/22/2016

Date Assigned to Palmdale Station 02/17/2019
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: ([redacted])

Equipment Worn on Person

Class "B" uniform (long Sleeve), magazines, radio, Oleoresin Capsicum spray, Smith & Wesson Military Police handgun 9mm.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Michael Debinion
MH, DOB: 11/29/1988, 5'07," 140 lbs., bald / brown eyes
Address: [redacted]
CII# [redacted], MAIN# [redacted], FBI# [redacted]

Suspect Debinion had a [redacted] (**Miscellaneous Documents, Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System** (**CCHRS Printout**).

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Debinion was diagnosed as having contusions to the lower back, face, head, and fracture of left eye, lateral and medial orbital walls by Dr. Vakili (**Exhibit B, PRMC paperwork, Page 5**). Palmdale Station Field Sergeant [redacted] spoke with Dr. Vakili who said the injuries were consistent with the reported force.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputies [redacted] and Felix initially reported a complaint of pain to their arm and hand, respectively, because of being struck by the suspect vehicle; however, there were no visible injuries or lasting pain to either deputy.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators arrived approximately six hours after the use of force incident. IAB investigators searched for witnesses but did not find any. The force incident occurred on the sidewalk of a residential neighborhood. The sidewalk had numerous, small, decorative rocks on the sidewalk where the use of force occurred.

Suspect Debinion was treated at PRMC and given medical clearance for booking by Dr. Vakili. Palmdale Station Sergeant [redacted] and IAB investigators took photographs of Suspect Debinion's injuries and the use of force area [**Exhibit C, Suspect Debinion Injuries and Use of Force Area**].

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during nighttime hours in clear, dry weather conditions. There was ambient street lighting that illuminated the use of force area.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY

Flashlight.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT DEBINION

Vehicle.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office charged Suspect Debinion with the following:

1. 245(c) PC — Felony, Assault with a deadly weapon (2 counts)
2. 2800.2 VC — Felony, Evade a peace officer
3. 69 PC — Felony, Obstruct/Resist a peace officer (4 counts)

On 08/19/2020, most charges were dismissed, in furtherance of justice, except for a plea of nolo contendere (guilty) to one count of 69 PC. Suspect Debinion was sentenced to county jail for two years and probation was denied (**Miscellaneous Documents, Minute Order, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case #MA079041**).

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews which have been paraphrased for clarification purposes. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

Involved Employee - Deputy [redacted]

On March 15, 2021, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Francois Chang and Jason Cunningham, #[redacted], at Palmdale Station. Deputy [redacted] was represented by Attorney Steven Welch of Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies [redacted] and Felix were working together in the same patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] was the driver. Deputies [redacted] and Felix were on patrol at the [redacted] around midnight, when they saw a suspicious vehicle (suspect vehicle). The suspect vehicle was in a dimly lit parking lot, with open access to the public. Deputies [redacted] and Felix saw the suspect vehicle was blocking a car garage door and had expired registration. Deputies [redacted] and Felix saw two occupants, within the suspect vehicle's front driver and passenger seats, pointing at unoccupied vehicles in an area known for criminal activity. Additionally, there was a countywide curfew at the time due to civil unrest.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, Deputies [redacted] and Felix conducted a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle to determine the occupants' purpose for being in the area. Deputy [redacted] positioned their patrol vehicle behind the suspect vehicle and activated his forward facing red, blue, and takedown lights. Deputies [redacted] and Felix exited their patrol vehicle and walked to the suspect vehicle's driver and passenger side doors respectively. Deputy [redacted] tactically approached the driver's side door of the suspect vehicle by looking into the interior of the rear seat for anything dangerous. Deputy [redacted] positioned himself at the B pillar of the suspect vehicle as he spoke with Suspect Debinion. Simultaneously, Deputy Felix spoke to [redacted]. Deputies [redacted] and Felix used this tactic to distract the occupants by preventing them from "conspiring" with each other, thereby maximizing their position of advantage.

Deputy [redacted] spoke to Suspect Debinion through the open driver side window and smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the interior. Suspect Debinion looked up at Deputy [redacted] with a blank stare. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Debinion's eyes were bloodshot, watery, and heard him slur his speech. Suspect Debinion began to reach toward the center console. Deputy [redacted] commanded Suspect Debinion to show his hands as he repositioned himself in front of the driver's side view mirror, near the A pillar. Deputy [redacted] repositioned himself to gain a better view of the interior of the suspect vehicle and maintain the element of surprise. Deputy [redacted] noticed the suspect vehicle was in "drive" and ordered Suspect Debinion to put his vehicle in "park."

Suddenly, Suspect Debinion accelerated his vehicle and sped away, veering to the left, toward Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] felt pain from what he thought was the side view mirror striking him on his left bicep. Deputy [redacted] immediately ran away from the trajectory of the suspect vehicle to avoid further injury. Deputy [redacted] believed

Suspect Debinion either intentionally tried to hit him with the vehicle or was trying to escape, not caring if he hit him in the process. Deputy [redacted] said, "He very well could have been trying to run me over and kill me" ([redacted] **Transcript, page 49**). Additionally, Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Debinion was under the influence of alcohol based on his signs of intoxication.

Deputies [redacted] and Felix ran back to their patrol vehicle and became aware they were both struck by the suspect vehicle as it sped away. Deputies [redacted] and Felix went in vehicle pursuit of Suspect Debinion. Deputy Felix immediately radio broadcasted they were in vehicle pursuit. Deputy [redacted] described Suspect Debinion's driving as "erratic." At one point, Suspect Debinion almost hit a center median, bottomed out his vehicle, and ran a red light at an intersection. Despite Suspect Debinion's driving, Deputy [redacted] "cleared" the intersection at a red light by slowing his patrol vehicle, looking both ways, and entering it lane by lane.

Near the terminus of the vehicle pursuit, Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect vehicle slow to 5 to 10 mph as the driver side door opened. Suddenly, Suspect Debinion emerged from the driver side of the moving vehicle, stumbled, and ran west on Avenue R-7. Deputy [redacted] focused on capturing Suspect Debinion, believing he was more likely to get away by being on foot. Deputy [redacted] assumed the other vehicles in the pursuit would continue to follow the suspect vehicle. Deputy [redacted] drove past Suspect Debinion and positioned his patrol vehicle in front of the suspect. Deputy [redacted] yelled out his patrol vehicle's window, from a distance of 5 to 10 feet, and commanded Suspect Debinion to "Give up. Lay down!" ([redacted] **Transcript, page 25).** Suspect Debinion immediately complied and lay face down on the sidewalk, with his hands out.

Deputies [redacted] and Felix immediately exited their vehicle and ran to Suspect Debinion to arrest him. Once Deputy [redacted] made contact, he grabbed Suspect Debinion's arms and tried to place his hands behind his back. The suspect immediately tensed his entire body and pulled his hands beneath himself, near his waistband. Suspect Debinion violently thrashed his body like a "fish out of the water," aggressively kicking his legs in a manner that could hurt someone. Deputy [redacted] gave multiple commands for Suspect Debinion to stop fighting and show his hands to no avail.

Deputy [redacted] feared Suspect Debinion was reaching for a firearm, or other weapon, concealed within his baggy clothing. Deputy [redacted] used the tail end of his flashlight, as a tool for pain compliance, and struck Suspect Debinion in his left thigh and knee three to five times. Deputy [redacted] struck Suspect Debinion in this area, since they were the closest appendages to him, and because he consciously wanted to avoid striking Suspect Debinion in the head, coupled with avoiding striking other deputies. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Felix punch Suspect Debinion three to four times in the face. Deputy [redacted] arrived and got control of Suspect Debinion's left arm. Deputy Horsley arrived and attempted to gain control of Suspect Debinon's right arm, but was initially unsuccessful. Deputy Horsley punched Suspect Debinion in the face three to five times. The deputies' use of force against Suspect Debinion was contemporaneous. Deputy [redacted] reassessed the force used throughout the incident. Deputy [redacted]

believed the flashlight strikes were ultimately effective, because Suspect Debinion surrendered and allowed himself to be handcuffed. Deputy [redacted] estimated the use of force occurred over a time span of 15 to 30 seconds. Deputy [redacted] did not witness nor was he aware of any additional force used on Suspect Debinion. Deputy Runge arrived, after the use of force, and hobbled Suspect Debinion without resistance.

Although Deputy [redacted] had other force options such as his OC spray and Taser, he used his flashlight, since it was readily available, in his hand, and there was no need to transition to anything else based on its effectiveness.

Suspect Debinion refused the deputies' efforts to conduct a field sobriety test to determine his level of intoxication, nor did he cooperate in an interview about the incident.

Deputy [redacted] saw the following injuries to Suspect Debinion:

- lacerations to his face and
- redness to a knee

Deputy [redacted] immediately reported his use of force to Sergeant [redacted]. Although Deputies [redacted] and Felix did not have a specific tactical plan for this incident, they were regular partners, having conducted numerous traffic stops together, and were familiar with each other's tactics. IAB investigators showed video surveillance of the incident to Deputy [redacted] but it did not help his recollection of the incident.

Involved Employee - Deputy Victor Felix-Cruz

On March 15, 2021, Deputy Felix was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. Deputy Felix was represented by Attorney Steven Welch of Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies [redacted] and Felix were on patrol at the [redacted], around midnight, when they saw a suspicious vehicle idling with its lights off. Deputies [redacted] and Felix saw two occupants, within the suspect vehicle's front driver and passenger seats, despite a countywide curfew due to civil unrest. The two occupants were pointing at unoccupied vehicles, leading Deputy Felix to believe they were involved in criminal activity, such as catalytic converter thefts. Deputy Felix ran the suspect vehicle's license plate and saw it was registered to an address in the city of Lancaster and the registration was expired.

Deputies [redacted] and Felix conducted a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle to investigate. Deputy [redacted] positioned their patrol vehicle directly behind the suspect vehicle and activated the forward facing red, blue, and takedown lights. Deputies [redacted] and Felix exited their patrol vehicle and walked to the suspect vehicle's driver and front passenger doors respectively. Deputy Felix positioned himself adjacent to the

front passenger door's B pillar. Deputy Felix knocked on the closed front passenger window in an attempt to get the passenger's ([redacted]) attention. Meanwhile, Deputy [redacted] spoke with Suspect Debinion. Deputy Felix requested [redacted] to open her window, but she ignored him and looked at Suspect Debinion as if she was awaiting instructions from him. Deputy Felix heard Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Debinion speaking to each other, but he could not make out what they were saying. Deputy Felix felt something was wrong, because knowing how he and Deputy [redacted] work, the suspect vehicle would have been turned off, and the passenger's window would have already been down by this time. Deputy Felix continued to knock on the passenger's window, requesting [redacted] to open the window.

Suddenly, Suspect Debinion revved the engine and sped away as he veered to the left, toward Deputy [redacted] in the direction of the apartment complex' exit. The suspect vehicle's B pillar struck Deputy Felix's right hand, causing immediate pain. Deputy Felix could not estimate the speed at which Suspect Debinion sped away, but said it was as if he "floored the accelerator" (**Felix Transcript, page 17**).

Deputies [redacted] and Felix ran back to their patrol vehicle and became aware they were both struck by Suspect Debinion's vehicle as he sped away. Deputies [redacted] and Felix went in vehicle pursuit of Suspect Debinion. Deputy Felix immediately radio broadcasted they were in vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer suspect, using a vehicle. Deputy Felix estimated the speeds during the vehicle pursuit ranged from 50 to 70 mph. Suspect Debinion's driving was "Evasive. Fast. Out of control." Due to the time of night, coupled with the curfew, there was little to no traffic on the roadway. Despite Suspect Debinion's unsafe driving, Deputies [redacted] and Felix traversed red light intersections by slowing their patrol vehicle and entering it lane by lane to ensure there was no oncoming traffic from opposing directions.

At the terminus of the vehicle pursuit, Deputy Felix estimated the suspect vehicle slowed to 15-20 mph as the driver side door opened. Suddenly, Suspect Debinion "jumped out" from the driver side of the moving vehicle, and immediately sprinted away. Deputies [redacted] and Felix continued to pursue Suspect Debinion, as opposed to the suspect vehicle, because he was their primary suspect for the assault on a peace officer. Deputies [redacted] and Felix followed Suspect Debinion in their patrol vehicle in an attempt to block his path of travel. Due to Suspect Debinion's appearance of having a bald head and his style of baggy clothing, Deputy Felix thought he was possibly a gang member.

Deputy [redacted] yelled at Suspect Debinion to get on the ground as they rapidly exited their patrol vehicle. Suspect Debinion initially complied, got onto his knees, and lay flat on his stomach. Deputies [redacted] and Felix ran to Suspect Debinion to arrest him. Once Deputy [redacted] made contact with Suspect Debinion, the suspect immediately tensed up and placed his hands beneath his body, near his waistband. Suspect Debinion violently thrashed his body by swinging his legs up and left to right. Deputy Felix feared Suspect Debinion was reaching for a firearm or other weapon concealed

within the waistband of his baggy clothing. Deputy Felix punched Suspect Debinion two times in the face, but it did not have the desired effect. Deputy Felix then used his knee to strike Suspect Debinion twice in his lower back to gain his compliance for handcuffing. Deputy Felix saw Deputy [redacted] strike Suspect Debinion's legs with a flashlight. Meanwhile, Deputies [redacted] and Horsley arrived and assisted them in detaining Suspect Debinion. Deputy Felix saw Deputy Horsley punch Suspect Debinion twice in the face. At this time, Suspect Debinion released his hands, allowing Deputy Felix and another deputy to handcuff him. Deputy Felix reassessed the force used throughout the incident. Deputy Felix estimated the use of force occurred over a time span of 15 to 20 seconds. Deputy Felix did not witness, nor was he aware, of any additional force used against Suspect Debinion.

Although Deputy Felix had other force options such as his OC spray, baton, and firearm, they were not ideal options at the time. Deputy Felix elaborated and said he did not want use pepper spray, nor his baton, at the risk of striking other deputies who were in close proximity.

Deputy Felix saw the following injuries to Suspect Debinion:

- blood and abrasions to his head
- abrasions to a knee

Deputy Felix immediately reported his use of force to Sergeant [redacted]. Although Deputies [redacted] and Felix did not have a specific tactical plan for this incident, they were regular partners, having conducted numerous traffic stops together, and were familiar with each other's tactics.

Involved Employee - Deputy [redacted]

On March 15, 2021, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. Deputy [redacted] was represented by Attorney Steven Welch of Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputy [redacted] was the driver. Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were at 25th Street East and Avenue S, near the path of the vehicle pursuit. Deputy [redacted] waited for the vehicle pursuit to pass him and joined as the second patrol vehicle in the pursuit. Suspect Debinion was driving fast, "erratic," and drove through numerous stop signs without stopping. Deputy [redacted] estimated the range of speed during the vehicle pursuit to be 40 to 70 mph.

At the terminus of the vehicle pursuit, Deputy [redacted] estimated the suspect vehicle slowed to 5 mph as it travelled north on Lemsford Avenue from Avenue R-7. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect vehicle driver's door was open, but he did not yet realize

Suspect Debinion had jumped out of the moving vehicle. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputies [redacted] and Felix drive west on Avenue R-7, after Suspect Debinion who was running away. The suspect vehicle continued to travel north on Lemsford Avenue. Deputy [redacted] stopped his patrol vehicle and told Deputy Garcia to detain the occupants inside the suspect vehicle, while he assisted Deputies [redacted] and Felix.

When Deputy [redacted] redirected his attention to Deputies [redacted] and Felix, he saw them on the ground with Suspect Debinion. Deputies [redacted] and Felix were attempting to grab Suspect Debinion's hands. Deputy [redacted] ran to Deputies [redacted] and Felix to assist. Suspect Debinion initially appeared calm, but suddenly twisted his torso and put his hands beneath it, toward his waistband. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] yell multiple commands for Suspect Debinion to show his hands to no avail. Deputy [redacted] feared Suspect Debinion was reaching for a weapon and believed Suspect Debinion's behavior was a "high-risk" threat.

Deputy [redacted] reached beneath Suspect Debinion in an attempt to get control of either of his hands to no avail. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] strike Suspect Debinion with his flashlight in the knee and/or thigh three to four times. Deputy Horsley arrived and punched Suspect Debinion in the face two to three times. Deputy [redacted] pulled Suspect Debinion's left arm from beneath his body and pulled his hand to the small of his back, as Deputy Felix tried to control his right arm. Suspect Debinion surrendered and allowed Deputies [redacted] and Felix to handcuff him. Deputy [redacted] estimated the use of force occurred over a time span of 30 to 45 seconds. Deputy [redacted] reported his actions and observations to Sergeant [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] did not witness nor was he aware of any additional force used on Suspect Debinion.

Although Deputy [redacted] had other force options, such as his OC spray and baton, he did not consider using them so that he could focus on controlling Suspect Debinion's hands. Deputy [redacted] had no recollection of any injuries to Suspect Debinion.

Involved Employee - Deputy Christopher Horsley

On March 18, 2021, Deputy Horsley was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Michael Rose, #[redacted], at Palmdale Station. Deputy Horsley was represented by Attorney Steven Welch of Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputy Horsley was the driver. Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus.

Upon Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski's arrival, Deputy Horsley saw Suspect Debinion running from the driver side door of the suspect vehicle; however, the suspect vehicle continued to travel north on Lemsford Avenue. Deputy Horsley saw Deputies

[redacted] and Felix follow Suspect Debinion in their patrol vehicle. Deputy Horsley heard a deputy yell commands at Suspect Debinion to show his hands. Deputy Horsley saw Deputies [redacted] Felix, and [redacted] "fighting" with Suspect Debinion on the ground. Deputy Horsley saw Suspect Debinion "crunched over" with his hands reaching for his waistband, as he rapidly "thrashed" from side to side. Deputy Horsley exited his patrol vehicle and ran toward the deputies fighting with the suspect. Deputy Horsley prioritized assisting Deputies [redacted] Felix, and [redacted] rather than going after the suspect vehicle, since they were in a fight with an assault with a deadly weapon suspect (**Horsley Transcript, page 7**).

As Deputy Horsley assisted Deputies [redacted], Felix, and [redacted] he heard Deputy [redacted] say, "He's reaching for his waistband" (**Horsley Transcript, page 9**). Fearing Suspect Debinion was reaching for a weapon such as a firearm or knife, he punched him in the face two to three times. Suspect Debinion briefly "loosened up," but still would not allow deputies to arrest him. Deputy Horsley commanded Suspect Debinion to "Stop fighting" and "Put your hand behind your back" to no avail. Deputy Horsley rotated Suspect Debinion to lay flat on his stomach and placed his left knee across his shoulder blades to prevent him from pushing himself up from the ground. Deputy Horsley saw Deputy [redacted] strike Suspect Debinion two to four times in the thigh with a flashlight. Suspect Debinion finally allowed his hands to be placed behind his back and was handcuffed.

Deputy Horsley estimated the use of force occurred over a time span of 20 to 30 seconds. Deputy Horsley reported his actions and observations to Sergeant [redacted]. Deputy Horsley did not witness, nor was he aware of any additional force used on Suspect Debinion. At the conclusion of the use of force, Deputy Horsley ensured his partners were okay and verified there were sufficient deputies handling the suspect vehicle.

Although Deputy Horsley had other force options, he said his punching of the suspect was his most effective choice considering the rapidly evolving situation. Deputy Horsley had no recollection of any injuries to Suspect Debinion. IAB investigators showed video surveillance of the incident to Deputy Horsley. Based on the video, Deputy Horsley determined he was the fourth patrol vehicle on-scene at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

Witness – Deputy Jose Garcia

On March 22, 2021, Deputy Garcia was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were at 25th Street East and

Avenue S, near the path of the vehicle pursuit. Deputies [redacted] and Garcia were the second patrol vehicle in the pursuit. Suspect Debinion was driving fast and "erratic." Deputy [redacted] estimated the range of speed during the vehicle pursuit to be 50 to 60 mph.
At the terminus of the vehicle pursuit, Deputy Garcia estimated the suspect vehicle slowed to 10 mph as it travelled north on Lemsford Avenue from Avenue R-7. Deputy Garcia saw that the suspect vehicle driver's door was open, but he did not yet realize Suspect Debinion had jumped out of a moving vehicle. Deputy Garcia saw Deputies [redacted] and Felix drive west on Avenue R-7, and he assumed Suspect Debinion was running away. Deputy Garcia maintained his focus on the moving suspect vehicle as it continued to travel north on Lemsford Avenue. Deputy [redacted] stopped their patrol vehicle, exited, and went west to assist Deputies [redacted] and Felix. Deputy Garcia felt there were sufficient personnel dealing with Suspect Debinion. Therefore, Deputy Garcia exited their patrol vehicle and ran toward the suspect vehicle, since no one was detaining it.

Deputy Garcia approached the driver side of the suspect vehicle and attempted to detain [redacted] at gunpoint. Deputy Garcia saw [redacted], through the open driver side door, on her feet or knees, on the front passenger seat and heard her yelling incoherently. [redacted] was panicking, appeared to be scared, and was possibly trying to stop the vehicle. The suspect vehicle appeared to have slowed to 5 mph. Deputy Garcia ordered [redacted] to put her hands up and to not move. Deputy Garcia had limited visibility inside the suspect vehicle as he used the driver side door as cover and concealment from approximately one foot away. There was no indication of additional persons or danger within the suspect vehicle.

Within less than 10 seconds, Deputy De La Rosa appeared on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle and grabbed [redacted] hands through the open front passenger window. [redacted] was compliant with Deputy Garcia's commands and calmed down. Deputy Garcia holstered his gun, entered the suspect vehicle, and pressed the brake pedal to stop the vehicle. Deputy De La Rosa immediately detained [redacted] and escorted her out of the suspect vehicle.

> **IAB Note:** IAB investigators reviewed video surveillance of the force incident. Based on the video footage, coupled with Deputy Bistline's interview, it appeared Deputy Bistline was the deputy who entered, and stopped the suspect's vehicle.

After detaining the suspect vehicle, Deputy Garcia turned around and saw a "group of deputies," on the ground, west of his location. Deputy Garcia assumed they were arresting Suspect Debinion. Deputy Garcia neither used nor witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Deputy Garcia's view was obstructed by parked civilian and patrol vehicles in the area. Deputy Garcia had no recollection of any injuries to Suspect Debinion. IAB investigators showed video surveillance of the incident to Deputy Garcia. Based on the video, he determined [redacted] was trying to stop the suspect vehicle, evidenced from the rear middle brake illuminating.

Witness – Deputy Thomas Halaszynski

On March 22, 2021, Deputy Halaszynski was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski worked together in the same patrol vehicle. Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit. Deputies Horsley and Halaszynski responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus.

Upon their arrival, Deputy Halaszynski saw the suspect vehicle "stalled" in the middle of Lemsford Avenue. The suspect vehicle was idling and the headlights were on. There were approximately two patrol vehicles already on scene and multiple civilian vehicles parked along the sides of the street. Deputy Halaszynski estimated three deputies were already attempting to detain the occupants inside the suspect vehicle and identified Deputy Garcia as being on the driver side based on video surveillance.

Deputy Halaszynski approached the passenger side of suspect vehicle and attempted to detain the occupants within it at gunpoint. Unbeknownst to Deputy Halaszynski, Deputy Horsley had exited their patrol vehicle to assist the deputies detaining Suspect Debinion, southwest of their location. Deputy Halaszynski walked at an angle, toward the sidewalk, to give himself a better view inside the suspect vehicle, while maintaining some distance. Deputy Halaszynski saw [redacted] inside the suspect vehicle and ordered her to put her hands on the dashboard. [redacted] complied.

Deputy Halaszynski, along with arriving deputies, approached the suspect vehicle. Once Deputy Halaszynski determined there were sufficient deputies to handle the suspect vehicle, he re-directed his focus at Deputy Horsley. Suddenly, Deputy Halaszynski saw numerous deputies moving toward the group of other deputies who were detaining Suspect Debinion. Deputy Halaszynski walked southwest of his location and heard deputies yelling commands for Suspect Debinion to stop fighting.

Deputy Halaszynski heard Suspect Debinion yelling incoherently. Deputy Halaszynski's view of Suspect Debinion lying on the ground was obstructed by three to four deputies who surrounded the suspect. Deputy Halaszynski neither used nor witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Deputy Halaszynski had no recollection of any injuries to Suspect Debinion.

Witness – Deputy Matthew Bistline

On March 26, 2021, Deputy Bistline was telephonically interviewed by IAB Sergeant Chang. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Matthew Bistline and Andrew De La Rosa worked together in the same patrol vehicle. Deputy Bistline was the driver. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a

vehicle pursuit. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived approximately 20 seconds before the terminus. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were the third patrol vehicle on-scene.

Upon their arrival, Deputy Bistline saw the suspect vehicle turn north onto Lemsford Avenue from Avenue R-8 at approximately 40 mph. As the suspect vehicle slowed to 5 to 7 mph, the driver side door opened. Suddenly, Deputy Bistline saw Suspect Debinion 10 to 15 feet west of the suspect vehicle in a "dead sprint." The suspect vehicle continued, "coasting" north on Lemsford Avenue. Deputy Bistline was concerned there were still occupants in the suspect vehicle and that it might crash. Since the deputies in front of him went after Suspect Debinion, Deputy Bistline felt it was his responsibility to detain the occupants inside the suspect vehicle. Deputy Bistline relayed his intention to Deputy De La Rosa to go after the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Bistline positioned his patrol vehicle directly behind the suspect vehicle, off-centered it, and activated his spotlight, illuminating the back window. This position enabled Deputy Bistline to get a better view inside the suspect vehicle, whilst allowing Deputy De La Rosa to approach from a tactical angle, along the passenger side. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa exited their patrol vehicle and quickly approached the suspect vehicle on foot. Deputy Bistline went to the driver side and Deputy De La Rosa went to the passenger side. As Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa approached the suspect vehicle, the gap between their patrol vehicle and the suspect vehicle slowly increased. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were aware of each other's position during the approach, thus preventing a crossfire hazard. Deputy Bistline visually "cleared" the suspect vehicle utilizing his tactical gun light, and saw [redacted] in the front seat with her hands up. [redacted] was compliant with Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa's commands to keep her hands up and yelled, "I need help, I need help."

Once Deputy Bistline determined it was safe, he entered the suspect vehicle to stop it from moving. Deputy De La Rosa opened the passenger side door, detained [redacted], and escorted her to a patrol vehicle. Thereafter, Deputy Bistline searched the remainder of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Bistline neither used nor witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Deputy Bistline was unaware of any injuries to Suspect Debinion.

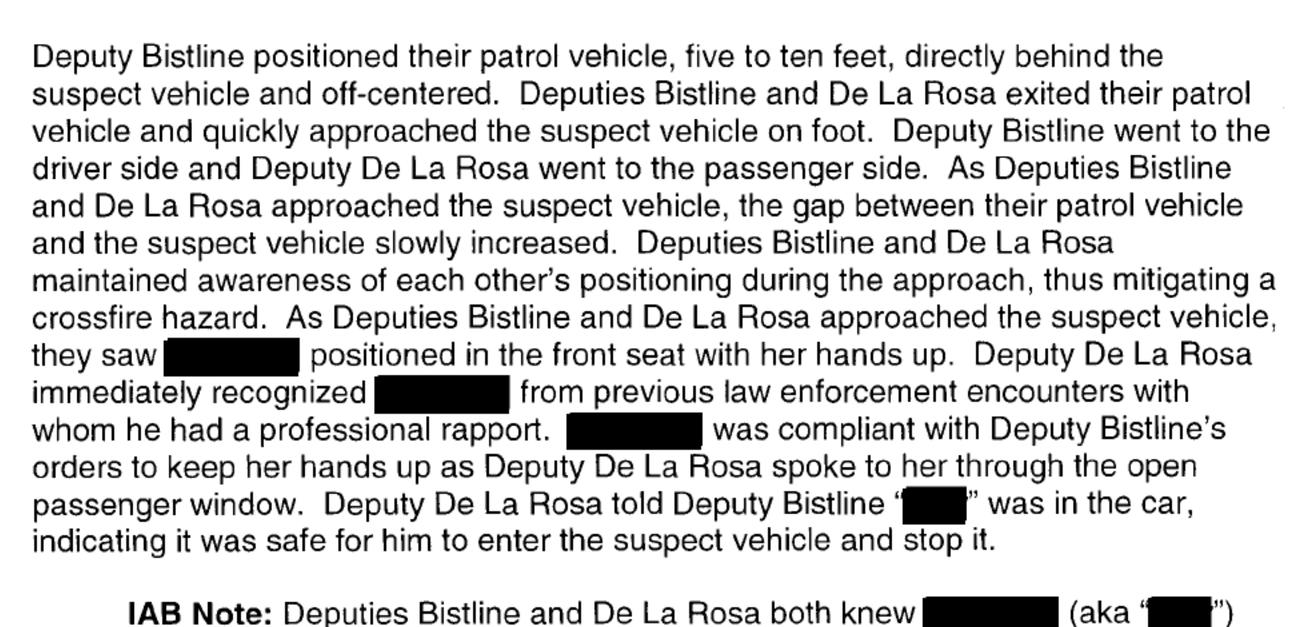
Deputy Bistline later recognized [redacted] from previous law enforcement encounters and said she was known for associating with criminals. A week or two after this incident, Deputy Bistline and De La Rosa met [redacted] on a traffic stop by happenstance. [redacted] voluntarily told Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa that Suspect Debinion had tossed a gun during this incident's vehicle pursuit; however, [redacted] neither elaborated on any details nor did she have any evidence to substantiate the information.

Witness – Deputy Andrew De La Rosa

On March 26, 2021, Deputy De La Rosa was telephonically interviewed by IAB Sergeant Chang. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Matthew Bistline and Andrew De La Rosa worked together in the same patrol vehicle. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa were the third or fourth patrol vehicle on scene.

Upon their arrival, Deputy De La Rosa saw the suspect vehicle turn north onto Lemsford Avenue from Avenue R-8. As the suspect vehicle turned the corner onto Lemsford Avenue at approximately 40 mph, one side of it tilted as the other side lifted off the ground. As the suspect vehicle slowed to approximately 25 mph, the driver side door opened. Suddenly, Suspect Debinion jump out of the suspect vehicle and ran southwest as the suspect vehicle continued to "roll" north on Lemsford Avenue. Deputy De La Rosa was concerned about the possibility of additional occupants, such as children, being in the suspect vehicle and that it might crash. Since the deputies in front of him went after Suspect Debinion, Deputy De La Rosa focused on stopping the suspect vehicle. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa relayed their intention to each other how to stop the vehicle, and how they would approach it on foot. Deputy Bistline was to clear the driver side of the suspect vehicle and stop it as Deputy De La Rosa simultaneously cleared the passenger side.



Deputy Bistline positioned their patrol vehicle, five to ten feet, directly behind the suspect vehicle and off-centered. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa exited their patrol vehicle and quickly approached the suspect vehicle on foot. Deputy Bistline went to the driver side and Deputy De La Rosa went to the passenger side. As Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa approached the suspect vehicle, the gap between their patrol vehicle and the suspect vehicle slowly increased. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa maintained awareness of each other's positioning during the approach, thus mitigating a crossfire hazard. As Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa approached the suspect vehicle, they saw [redacted] positioned in the front seat with her hands up. Deputy De La Rosa immediately recognized [redacted] from previous law enforcement encounters with whom he had a professional rapport. [redacted] was compliant with Deputy Bistline's orders to keep her hands up as Deputy De La Rosa spoke to her through the open passenger window. Deputy De La Rosa told Deputy Bistline "[redacted]" was in the car, indicating it was safe for him to enter the suspect vehicle and stop it.

> **IAB Note:** Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa both knew [redacted] (aka "[redacted]") from previous law enforcement encounters and had a professional rapport with her.

Deputy Bistline determined it was safe and immediately entered the suspect vehicle to stop it from moving. Deputy De La Rosa detained [redacted] and escorted her to a patrol vehicle. Deputy De La Rosa conducted an initial search for weapons of [redacted] and had a female deputy do a thorough search of her for any contraband. Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa asked [redacted] if Suspect Debinion discarded any contraband during the vehicle pursuit, but she replied, "I don't know." [redacted] did not make any statements as to why Suspect Debinion evaded deputies.

Once [redacted] was detained, Deputy De La Rosa heard deputies fighting with Suspect Debinion and went to assist them. By the time Deputy De La Rosa got there, the fight was over and Suspect Debinion was handcuffed. Deputy De La Rosa neither used nor witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Deputy De La Rosa later saw blood on Suspect Debinion's face.

A few weeks after this incident, Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa met [redacted] on a traffic stop by happenstance. [redacted] voluntarily told Deputies Bistline and De La Rosa that Suspect Debinion tossed a gun during this incident's vehicle pursuit; however, [redacted] neither elaborated on any details nor did she have any evidence to substantiate the information.

Witness – Deputy Jonathan Blue

On March 18, 2021, Deputy Blue was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Rose at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Blue and Vukonich were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit. Deputy Blue was the driver. Deputies Blue and Vukonich responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus.

Upon Deputies Blue and Vukonich's arrival, Deputy Blue saw two to five patrol vehicles stopped in the area and the suspect vehicle was stopped in the center of Lemsford Avenue. Something drew Deputy Blue's attention to one of the side streets and he began walking in that direction, but ultimately turned around since there were "quite a few deputies there and it seemed like they had the situation under control." Deputy Blue could not recall how many deputies were involved, but estimated there were more than three. Deputy Blue assumed Suspect Debinion was in the area where he saw the group of deputies, but his view was obstructed by numerous deputy personnel and vehicles in the area.

Deputy Blue returned to the suspect vehicle and later learned [redacted] was a passenger within it; however, Deputy Blue could neither recall where [redacted] was positioned within the suspect vehicle nor where she was detained thereafter.

Deputy Blue visually inspected the suspect vehicle and assisted Deputy Vukonich in completing the vehicle report [**Exhibit A, Vehicle Report**]. Deputy Blue was unaware

of any damage to the suspect vehicle as a result of contact with a deputy during the initial traffic stop. Deputy Blue neither used nor witnessed any force against Suspect Debinion.

IAB investigators showed video surveillance of the incident to Deputy Blue. Base on video surveillance, Deputy Blue determined he was the fifth patrol vehicle on-scene at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit.

Witness – Deputy Cale Vukonich

On March 21, 2021, former Los Angeles County Deputy Vukonich was telephonically interviewed by IAB Sergeant Chang. Deputy Vukonich has since lateraled to an out of state law enforcement agency. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Blue and Vukonich were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit. Deputy Vukonich was on training at the time. Deputies Blue and Vukonich responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus.

Upon Deputies Blue and Vukonich's arrival, Suspect Debinion and [redacted] were already detained. Suspect Debinion was detained, in handcuffs, southwest of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Vukonich completed a vehicle report on the suspect vehicle. Deputy Vukonich could not recall if anything stood out about the suspect vehicle, such as damage. Deputy Vukonich neither used nor witnessed any force against Suspect Debinion. Although Deputy Vukonich saw Suspect Debinion at some point, he did not recall seeing any injuries.

Witness – Deputy Blake Runge

On March 22, 2021, Deputy Runge was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Runge and Velazquez were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputies Runge and Velazquez responded to the location of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus.

Upon Deputies Runge and Velazquez' arrival, Deputy Runge saw approximately five patrol vehicles already on scene. The suspect vehicle was "rolling" at approximately 5 mph. Approximately five to six deputies were on-scene trying to detain the occupants inside the suspect vehicle. Unbeknownst to Deputy Runge at the time, Suspect Debinion had fled from the suspect vehicle.

Deputies were trying to open the suspect vehicle driver's door to step on the brake and stop it from moving. Deputies Runge and Velazquez exited their patrol vehicle to assist the deputies in stopping the suspect vehicle. Deputies were able to stop the suspect vehicle and detained [redacted] who was a passenger within it.

Suddenly, Deputies Runge and Velazquez became aware other deputies were involved in a fight with Suspect Debinion, whom they discovered previously ran from the suspect vehicle. Deputy Runge ran to assist the deputies fighting with Suspect Debinion, but the fight was over by the time he got there. Deputy Runge saw Suspect Debinion lying on the ground, handcuffed, and not resisting. Deputy Runge estimated four to five deputies had surrounded Suspect Debinion, some of which were holding him with a firm grip.

Deputy Runge applied the hobble to Suspect Debinion's thighs, above his knees, since he was previously a "flight risk" by leading deputies on a vehicle pursuit, running from deputies, and fighting. Suspect Debinion was compliant with the deputies' orders and did not resist the application of the hobble. Deputy Runge handed the end of the hobble to deputies who subsequently transported Suspect Debinion to the hospital following a use of force incident.

Deputy Runge neither used nor witnessed any force against Suspect Debinion. Although Deputy Runge saw Suspect Debinion, he did not recall seeing any injuries.

Witness – Deputy Enrique Velazquez

On March 18, 2021, Deputy Velazquez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Rose at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Deputies Runge and Velazquez were on patrol when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer suspect. Deputy Velazquez was the passenger. Deputies Runge and Velazquez responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and attempted to set up spike strips along the vehicle pursuit route to no avail. Deputies Runge and Velazquez arrived at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit.

Upon Deputies Runge and Velazquez' arrival, the suspect vehicle was "rolling" at approximately 1 mph. Approximately six deputies were already positioned on the driver and passenger sides of the suspect vehicle, trying to stop it. A deputy ran to the driver's door and stopped the suspect vehicle. Deputies detained [redacted]. Unbeknownst to Deputy Velazquez at the time, Suspect Debinion had fled from the suspect vehicle.

As Deputies Runge and Velazquez went to search the suspect vehicle, Deputy Velazquez heard someone yelling, "Stop fighting" from behind him and saw four to six deputies running in the direction of the yelling. Deputy Velazquez ran to assist the deputies, but stopped short of getting there, since he determined there were sufficient deputy personnel handling the matter. Deputy Velazquez later discovered Suspect

Debinion was fighting with deputies, but his view was obstructed by vehicles parked in the street.

Deputy Velazquez neither used nor witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Deputy Velazquez saw Suspect Debinion, but only recalled seeing some red marks to his head.

Witness – Sergeant George Zamora

On March 18, 2021, Sergeant Zamora was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Rose at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] were on patrol together. Sergeant Zamora was the driver.

> **IAB Note:** Although the in-service reflected Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] worked different patrol vehicles, they changed their car assignments so they could patrol together, as documented in their DDWS.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon against deputies suspect. Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] acknowledged, via Sheriff's radio, they were en route to the vehicle pursuit, but had difficulty transmitting due to radio interference.

During the vehicle pursuit, Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] monitored the situation in the field. Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] considered the speeds, traffic conditions, number of responding units, and the deputies' welfare as a result of the broadcasted assault, amongst other information. Some vehicle pursuit information was not transmitted due to radio interference caused by simultaneous attempts to transmit. The speeds of the vehicle pursuit ranged from 30 to 60 mph.

Upon their arrival, Sergeant Zamora saw numerous deputies and sergeants on scene, in addition to numerous patrol and civilian vehicles parked in the area. Suspect Debinion and [redacted] were already detained in the back seat of a patrol vehicle.

Sergeant Zamora talked to the initial supervisors and deputies on-scene to ascertain what happened and to check the welfare of the assaulted deputies. Sergeant Zamora verified Deputies [redacted] and Felix had an initial complaint of pain, but there were no "significant" injuries.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] interviewed Suspect Debinion and [redacted] separately on video, in the field, about the incident [**Exhibit D, Field Sergeant Interviews**]. During Suspect Debinion's interview, he said, "I got beat up…[by] the cops" (**Debinion video counter at 40 seconds**) after running from them. Suspect Debinion elaborated and said the deputies hit him with a flashlight and "smashed" his head on the ground. Suspect Debinion complained of pain to his entire body. During [redacted]' interview, she said deputies tried to conduct a traffic stop of Suspect Debinion, with her in the car,

but Suspect Debinion refused to stop and "took off." Deputies followed them and Suspect Debinion eventually stopped his vehicle, and ran out of view. [redacted] did not see any use of force against Suspect Debinion.

Sergeant Zamora recalled seeing redness and bruising to Suspect Debinion's right eye and some bruising to the back of his head. Suspect Debinion complained of pain to his face from getting "beat up" by deputies who struck him with a flashlight and punched him in the face.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] identified all deputies who used and/or witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] verified Deputies [redacted], Felix, [redacted], and Horsley used and/or witnessed force against Suspect Debinion.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] looked for witnesses, but did not find any, except for obtaining two surveillance videos [**Exhibit D, Surveillance Videos**] capturing different angles of the use of force incident.

> **IAB Note:** Video surveillance was provided by [redacted] ([redacted]) [redacted]-[redacted]) who resided at [redacted]. Both videos depict the use of force by deputies and the stopping of the suspect vehicle. Due to the poor quality of both videos, IAB investigators could not see intricate details such as the force used and by whom. The video did depict Suspect Debinion emerging from the driver side of the suspect vehicle as it continued to roll north on Lemsford Avenue at the end of the vehicle pursuit. The videos then showed Suspect Debinion run west on Avenue R-7, stop, and lay on the ground, before Deputies [redacted] and Felix physically contacted him. Meanwhile, other arriving deputies attempted to stop the suspect vehicle and detain the occupants.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] debriefed the incident with the involved personnel. They learned Deputies [redacted] and Felix initially contacted Suspect Debinion during a traffic stop. Deputy [redacted] and Felix stood on opposite sides of the suspect vehicle as they made contact with the occupants. During the traffic stop, Suspect Debinion sped off, striking both deputies with a part of the suspect vehicle.

Witness – Sergeant [redacted]

On March 15, 2021, Sergeant [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Cunningham at Palmdale Station. The following is a summary of the interview:

On June 1, 2020, Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] were on patrol together when they heard a radio broadcast of deputies involved in a vehicle pursuit of an assault with a deadly weapon against deputies suspect. Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] responded to the area of the vehicle pursuit and arrived at the terminus, approximately 10 minutes after it was initiated.

Upon their arrival, Sergeant [redacted] saw numerous groups of deputies in different locations. Some deputies were next to the suspect vehicle and some were next to Suspect Debinion. Sergeant [redacted] talked to the deputies at the scene to ascertain what happened. Sergeant [redacted] did not recall any significant injuries to Deputies [redacted] or Felix. Sergeant [redacted] learned deputies used force against Suspect Debinion.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] interviewed Suspect Debinion and [redacted] on video, in the field, about the incident.

Sergeant [redacted] recalled seeing blood on Suspect Debinion's face and took photographs of his injuries. Suspect Debinion was transported to a hospital and diagnosed with a fractured orbital. Sergeant [redacted] spoke to the doctor at the hospital who said Suspect Debinion's injuries were consistent with the use force reported by deputies.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] identified all deputies who used and/or witnessed force against Suspect Debinion. Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] verified Deputies [redacted] Felix, [redacted], and Horsley used and/or witnessed force against Suspect Debinion.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] looked for witnesses, but did not find any, except for obtaining two surveillance videos capturing different angles of the use of force incident.

Sergeants Zamora and [redacted] debriefed the incident with the involved personnel. Sergeant [redacted] learned Deputies [redacted] and Felix initially contacted Suspect Debinion during a traffic stop for various vehicle code violations. During the traffic stop, Suspect Debinion sped off and struck one of the deputies with a part of the suspect vehicle.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

Suspect Michael Debinion

On June 1, 2020, Suspect Debinion was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Smith at Palmdale Station. The interview was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview:

On the night of the incident, Suspect Debinion was with [redacted] at the "[redacted]" apartments located in the city of Palmdale. Suspect Debinion and [redacted] just exited her garage and entered his vehicle (suspect vehicle). Suspect Debinion's vehicle was off, but the ignition key was turned in the on position. Moments later, a patrol vehicle pulled up behind them. Suspect Debinion opened his driver and rear passenger windows, but left the front passenger window closed. Suspect Debinion did this so the deputies could see who was in his vehicle. Suspect Debinion started his vehicle and saw the patrol vehicle's spotlight turn on.

A deputy walked to Suspect Debinion's driver side door and asked him to exit the vehicle. Meanwhile, Suspect Debinion was unsure if there was another deputy standing at the passenger side of his vehicle. Suspect Debinion "took off" because he was afraid he would get "beat up" by the deputies. [redacted] asked Suspect Debinion what he was doing, but he did not elaborate.

Although the deputy was standing next to Suspect Debinion's driver side door, close enough that "I could have probably ran over his foot" (**Debinion Transcript, page 12**), Suspect Debinion did not strike any deputy with his vehicle as he sped away. As Suspect Debinion sped away from the deputies, they followed him in their patrol vehicles and activated their lights and sirens. Suspect Debinion estimated the vehicle pursuit lasted between 10 to 30 minutes.

At the terminus of the vehicle pursuit, Suspect Debinion stopped his vehicle, placing it in park. Suspect Debinion ran from his vehicle, but realized he was not going to get away. Suspect Debinion heard deputies command him to "Get on the ground" from 20 to 30 feet away. Suspect Debinion complied and began to get on the ground by laying on his stomach with his arms fully extended out to his side. Suddenly, deputies "rushed" him and started "beating" him up.

The deputies grabbed Suspect Debinion's arms and struck him with a flashlight on the back of his head and back, "no more than 20 times." Suspect Debinion moved his hands because he was getting struck by the deputies. The deputies struck Suspect Debinion "everywhere" on his body. Suspect Debinion elaborated and said the deputies struck him with a "black punch" and kicked him. One of the deputies had his foot on Suspect Debinion's head as he "shoved" it against the ground. Suspect Debinion said the red marks on the front of his head were probably a result of it being pressed against the ground. Although Suspect Debinion did not see the deputies use a flashlight to strike him, he felt it was something other than their fists. The force by the deputies lasted 5 to 10 minutes.

Suspect Debinion never resisted the deputies, despite them telling him to "stop resisting." Moreover, Suspect Debinion told the deputies, "Stop, I'm not resisting!" during the use of force. Suspect Debinion eventually put his hands behind his back, where he was handcuffed, and subsequently hobbled.

Medical personnel arrived on-scene and attempted to treat Suspect Debinion for any injuries in the field, but he declined to be treated because he was "a little mad." Deputies helped Suspect Debinion off the ground, removed the hobble, and escorted him to a patrol vehicle. Suspect Debinion was transported to a hospital and medically treated by a doctor.

Suspect Debinion told the doctor he was injured by falling on the ground. Suspect Debinion did not tell the doctor about the use of force against him, because he did not want to tell on the deputies. Suspect Debinion was x-rayed and diagnosed with a

fractured right orbital, but the doctor suggested it may have been a pre-existing injury. Suspect Debinion denied having any pre-existing injuries as the doctor suggested.

> **IAB Note:** Medical documentation regarding Suspect's Debinion's fractured orbital only mention his left eye [**Exhibit A, Los Angeles County Jail Booking and Property Record, "o.k. to book" and Exhibit B, PRMC Medical Paperwork, Page 5**).

Suspect Debinion denied having used any narcotics, but admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages earlier in the day, prior to the vehicle pursuit. Suspect Debinion said he still had an "almost full" 32 oz. beer at the terminus of the vehicle pursuit. Suspect Debinion was not taking any medication, nor had he ever been committed to a psychiatric hospital. Suspect Debinion was on probation for a gun assault violation, but denied he had any weapons during this incident.

> **IAB Note:** [redacted] was determined not to be involved in any criminal activity at the time of this incident and was released in the field, prior to the arrival of IAB investigators. IAB investigators attempted to locate and interview [redacted] about the incident, but could not find her. [redacted] did not respond to multiple certified mail requests to interview her regarding this incident (**Miscellaneous Documents, US Postal Service Certified Mail Receipts**). [redacted]' last known address at [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], which was an apartment complex, however, IAB investigators did not have her apartment number. IAB investigators went to the apartment complex ([redacted]) and spoke to [redacted] (Property Manager). [redacted]. [redacted] could not find any record of [redacted] being a resident at the complex.